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Culvert Denial

Engineers enhance security along Route 606

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HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan – One of the most trafficked roads in the country, Route 606, consists of 218 kilometers of paved road and connects Farah, Herat and Chaghcharan provinces, while winding its way into Iran.

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Pfc. Timothy Leicht (left), a motor transportation operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) and Lance Cpl. Brant Day (right), a 2nd MLG (FWD) food service specialist currently attached to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, load a shipping pallet with fresh and frozen foods at Patrol Base Alcatraz, Aug. 26.

Photo by Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

CLB-6 resupplies Sangin-based Marines:

Assists with realignment and retrograde

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) convoyed to various bases in the vicinity of Helmand's volatile Sangin district Aug. 26.

Their mission was two-fold. In addition to resupplying frontline troops with general sustainment items such as fresh food and water, they also cast their first stone in the realm of the imminent realignment and retrograde of troops in Afghanistan.

Elements of the convoy made stops at Forward Operating Base Nolay, Combat Outpost Ouellette and Patrol Bases Alcatraz and Robinson to load gear no longer needed in the sustainment of operations.

"That's our standing mission – always be prepared to backhaul," noted Lt. Col. Ralph J. Rizzo Jr., the commanding officer of CLB-6.

The battalion's predecessor, CLB-8, did a tremendous job pulling back battle-damaged gear from outlying bases, said Rizzo, and it is his Marines' job to maintain that tempo of support. Some of the damaged gear can even be salvaged and repaired once it is back aboard Camp Leatherneck or shipped stateside.

"With this economy, it's our duty to do right by the taxpayers' money," said Rizzo.

Since touching down in theater nearly a month ago, Rizzo and his battalion sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Phillip Orellano, have made it a point to accompany their Marines on such convoys to get a first-hand view of what they can do to support



the infantrymen scattered throughout the area of operation.

"I like to touch base with the commanders," said Rizzo. "Any units that can identify things early on – things not needed in the fight, we'll take it all off their hands."

Though this aspect of a convoy is appreciated by the multitude of units posted around the area of operation, it is the items delivered into the infantrymen's stomachs that many look forward to.

Also along for the mission was a refrigerated container containing a multitude of

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BLOTTER



30 August 2011 - A Marine with Combat Logistics Regiment 25 reported an unknown person(s) pried open the lock to a vending machine and stole the money. An investigation revealed no leads or suspects. The estimated value of damaged government property is undetermined.

26 July 2011 - A Marine with 8th Engineer Support Battalion reported an unknown person(s) stole his laptop, external hard drive and a CMS hard drive containing Personal Identifiable Information from his unsecured wall locker. The estimated value of personal property is \$1,200.

Research and Control

Bug hunter fights own war against insect army

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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Insects are the most diverse of all animal groups, with more species existing than any other genus in the world. In fact, there are so many insects that no one knows quite how to count them all, according to a report released by the Bulletin of the Entomological Society of America.

Some insects are responsible for transmitting diseases such as bluetongue disease, dengue fever, encephalitis, Lyme disease, Typhus and Malaria – one of the most feared diseases of all times. These infestations send nearly half a billion people to the hospital and kill between 1.5 to 2.7 million people each year, according to the World Health Organization.

To mitigate such situations and protect troops from contracting various diseases, the U.S. armed forces count on a group of medical entomologists whose sole jobs are to investigate insect-transmitted diseases that can jeopardize the health of troops deployed throughout the world.

The only one such expert in Regional Command Southwest is Navy Lt. Joseph W. Diclaro II, from Beckley, W. Va., who holds a doctorate in medical entomology and serves with Public Health and Preventive Medicine Detachment, Alpha Surgical Company, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) aboard Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.

“Entomology is the study of insects that can cause disease,” Diclaro explained. “We basically look at how that insect gets that pathogen and how does it give it to us ... it is mainly surveillance.

“We want to know where it is, how the

insect is living and how it is reproducing. Basically we want to know how is that disease getting to that insect,” he added. “Anything that deals with an insect making [a person] sick, we want to investigate it and learn how to prevent it from happening again.”

Diclaro’s career didn’t begin in entomology. He first enlisted in 1989 as a hospital corpsman and held multiple billets in many units before he even thought about entomology.

“When I first came in I went to corps school and then I went to field medical service school,” he said. “I was assigned to a [medical battalion], which took me on my first deployment to Haiti in the early nineties.

“I worked as a respiratory therapist,”

Diclaro explained. “But for most of my career I was an X-ray technician.”

As he continued with his career and “thanks to tuition assistance,” as he said, Diclaro also developed his medical skills by attending different educational institutions such as Northern Virginia Community College, Mountain State University, George Mason University and the University of Florida.

“My first degree was just an associate degree in general studies, my second was a bachelor’s in biology,” He added. “My third was a master’s on bio defense and my fourth was a Ph.D. on medical entomology.”

While working on his master’s degree, Diclaro had one goal in mind, going to medical school to earn his doctorate in medicine.

“I was just really focused on just getting there, when I was working on my degree on bio-defense,” he explained. “But we had a lot of guest speakers coming in to talk to us, and they were mostly entomologists ...

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NAVY LT. JOSEPH DICLARO

JOB: Entomologist
HOMETOWN: Beckley, W. Va.

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: “I wanted to serve my country.”

Q: What’s your favorite MRE?

A: “Tuna and noodles with lots of hot sauce.”

Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island with one piece of issued gear, what would it be and why?

A: “An E-tool. It just seems to be the most practical.”

Q: Do you have hero? If yes, who and why?

A: “My grandmother. She took action when others wouldn’t.”

A Safer Passage

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Marines and Sailors with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) installed several reinforced culvert denial systems from Aug. 18 - 20 to counter the damage done by improvised explosive devices placed by enemy insurgents in the drainage pipes lining the road.

"We placed 10 culvert denial systems, and we had to replace a whole culvert after it was blown up," Sgt. Moses S. Ruiz, from Kerrville, Texas, a combat engineer with 7th ESB said. "The systems are going to protect the locals in the area as well as all the commercial traffic on the road."

The operation lasted four days and included 33 miles of Route 606. The cages will greatly assist Afghan National Army soldiers and coalition forces with security operations in the area. Perhaps more importantly, the systems will also provide the locals with a safer passage of travel as they maintain their livelihoods.

"Hopefully we can help the locals," said Lance Cpl. Michael S. Adams a combat engineer with 7th ESB. "They use this road to transport their goods to local markets on a daily basis so they can have money for their families.

"I think this will make the insurgents' life a little bit harder and our job a little bit easier," Adams concluded.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

(Top, Right) Sgt. Moses S. Ruiz (front), from Kerrville, Texas, Sgt. James S. Coleman (middle), from Mulberry, Ark., and Lance Cpl. Terrence L. Yoho (Back), from Hokinson, Wash., three combat engineers with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), set up a culvert denial system August 19, 2011, while conducting repairs on Route 606 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. (Above) Marines with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) place culvert denial systems on drainage pipes along Route 606 August 19, 2011, in Helmand province, Afghanistan.



Lance Cpl. Michael S. Adams, from Pawtucket, R.I., a combat engineer with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), cuts metal pieces from a drainage pipe August 19, 2011, while conducting repairs on Route 606 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The operation lasted four days and the engineers covered nearly 33 miles of the road. The cages are going to help Afghan National Army soldiers and coalition forces operating in the area by ensuring the safety of the locals who use the road daily.

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Marines with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), spent several days installing culvert denial systems along a portion of Route 606 in Helmand province, August 18-20. The systems will prevent insurgents from placing improvised explosive devices beneath the roadway and will significantly increase safety for locals, as well as Afghan National Army troops and coalition forces conducting security operations in the area.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Bruno J. Bego

Navy Lt. Joseph W. Diclaro II, who holds a doctorate in medical entomology, and serves with Public Health and Preventive Medicine Detachment, Alpha Surgical Company, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), displays a camel spider during a photo shoot Aug. 24, 2011.

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they would talk about different research they were working on, and I started developing an interest in the subject.

“I didn’t know the military had medical entomologists,” he added.

In the military, entomology covers vector research and control. Medical entomologists are also responsible for providing solutions to protect service members from contracting diseases by providing uniforms treated with pesticides and medication.

“One of the statements that stuck out to me the most during one of the speeches was, in war, more casualties are created by insects than by the enemy itself,” he said. “That’s kind of a profound statement, because you are talking about something that is very small, and that thing is killing people by the thousands in some cases.

“What attracted me about this job is that I can help a large amount of people be healthy, rather than just helping one individual,” he said. “That was very appealing to me, plus I find it fascinating just the way the disease process works.”

Throughout his tour he has conducted countless occupational environmental health site assessments, and collected nearly 100,000 mosquitoes from different forward operating bases and combat outposts around the area of operation for further investigation, as well as provided medical information for troops deployed to the region.

“I did the greatest good for the greatest number of people,” he concluded. “Instead of just helping one person, I can help a city, I can help a country, I can help the military. I don’t think anything can compare to that feeling.”

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fresh and frozen food items – a rare treat for many of the troops operating in some of Helmand province’s most austere and isolated environments.

“To have things like fresh fruits and veg-

etables is a huge quality of life boost for the Marines out here,” said 1st Lt. Caelyn Furman, a platoon commander with Bravo Company, CLB-6.

Lance Cpl. Brant Day, a food service specialist with 2nd MLG (FWD), is augmented to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and has spent the last two months preparing food items like

the ones delivered by CLB-6 for the Marines based with him at Patrol Base Alcatraz.

“It’s a big deal for these guys,” said Day, a native of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

“My sergeant and I take a lot of pride in preparing good food. It’s something they all look forward to and I’m glad to be apart if it,” Day concluded.

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